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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: LAW et al.

Serial No.: 10/666.446

## Title: Integrated Electronic Signatures for Approval of Process Control and Safety System Software Objects

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**Examiner:** Patel, Ramesh B.

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 26, 2005**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action dated October 26, 2005, the applicants respectfully request that the application be reconsidered in light of the following amendments and/or remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.**